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At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at West Warwick the 13th of Fourth Month, 1935,—

Thomas Perry, on request, served as Clerk for the day.

The account from South Kingstown Select Preparative Meeting, held the 7th of Fourth Month, 1935, states that the representatives to this meeting are Samuel C. Webster and Thomas Perry. It was reported on behalf of Samuel C. Webster that he was unavoidably detained. The account gives the following proposed answer to the Fourth Query: "There is a disposition on the part of our members to take a more active part in the service of ministry. We wish to encourage this participation, at the same time reminding ourselves that true spirituality must be based on a deep and studious consecration."

The account from Nantucket Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held the 28th of Third Month, 1935, states that Elizabeth Foster is its representative to this meeting. The answer to the Fourth Query as forwarded in that account reads as follows,— "We trust there is a growth of spiritual life in our meetings and a deeper growth is desirable."

Sandwich Select Meeting submitted copy of a minute taken from the records of the meeting it held at North Dartmouth the 5th of First Month, 1935. According to that minute it appears that Sandwich Select Meeting will join the Select Preparative Meeting of the new Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and has proposed that its members meet as members of the Select body of the new Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, which will be held first at West Warwick before the Quarterly Meeting, on the Second Seventh day of Fourth Month. Dartmouth Select Preparative Meeting presented no account to this meeting because it did not understand that one was expected.

A Committee consisting of Phebe F. Perry, Henry T. Gidley, and Anna Foster was named to submit to the next session of this Meeting the name of a suitable person for Clerk.

The following were named as a Committee to have oversight of the present session of the Quarterly Meeting: Amos O. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and Thomas Perry.

It was decided that the Select meetings of Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting shall hereafter be held at 10.30 o'clock next preceding the sessions of the Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meet at North Dartmouth at 10.30 o'clock the second Seventh Day in the Seventh Month.

A Committee consisting of Phebe F. Perry, Henry T. Tilley, and Anna Foster was named to submit to the next session of this Meeting the name of a suitable person for Clerk.

The following were named as a Committee to have oversight of the present session of the Quarterly Meeting: Amos O. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and Thomas Perry.

It was decided that the Select meetings of Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting shall hereafter be held at 10.30 o'clock next preceding the sessions of the Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meet at North Dartmouth at 10.30 o'clock the second Seventh Day in the Seventh Month.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. the 13th. of Seventh month 1935-

Anna Foster was appointed clerk for the day.

By accounts recieved from South Kingstown and Nantucket Select meetings the representatives there in named to attend this meeting are Thomas P. Nichols, Phebe F. Perry and Anna Foster.

It was reported for the committee for oversight of the Quarterly meeting; that the meeting was held in the usual good order of our society.

Jessie G. Carter, Eunice B. Clark and Anna Foster are appointed to have the oversight of the present session of the Quarterly Meeting.

Phebe Perry reported that the committee named in Fourth month to bring forward names of Friends for clerk and assistant clerk met, and propose the name of Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk. which was united with and they are to serve for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

We appoint our Friends Marion Goodwin, Eunice B. Clark, Phebe F. Perry, Henry J. Gidley and Anna Foster as representatives to the Select Yearly meeting.

(There was no account from Dartmouth Select meeting)

no further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet at Dover Mass. in Tenth month next, if permitted.

Anna Foster clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held at Dover Mass 10 mo. 12th. 1935.

The assistant clerk being absent Elizabeth Perry was appointed for the day.

By accounts recieved from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meeting of ministers and elders the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Phebe Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Marion Goodwin and Elizabeth Foster, all of whome are present.

The representatives to attend the yearly meeting of ministers and Elders were present except two.

The Queries were read and answers to the First query from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket, also a summary.

Summary answer to Query No I. Ministers feel the responsibility of their gifts and are careful to wait for Divine guidance, believing that only thus can our meetings be strengthened.

A concern was felt that our younger members should have a better knowledge of the business-meeting by holding one of their own, with over-sight. The meeting unites with this concern.

no further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meet at Westerly R.I. in First mo. next.

Elizabeth Foster
clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich

Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. 1 mo. 11 th. 1936.

By accounts received from South Kingstown and Nantucket Preparative meetings of ministers and elders the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Eunice B. Nichols, Phebe Perry and Elizabeth Foster, all of whome are present.

There was no report recieved from North Dartmouth Preparative meeting.

The Queries were read, with answers to the second from South Kingstown and Nantucket preparative meetings also a summary.

Summary answer II. ministers and Elders try to live so that their example is helpful to others. They work in unity with each other and their meetings.

It was felt that the business meeting for the younger members was helpful, and encouragement expressed to continue it.

No further business, we conclude, purposing to meet at West Warwick R.I. in Fourth mo. next if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster
Clerk.

Ct Rhode Island and Sandwich
Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held
Fourth mo. 11th. 1936 at East Greenwich R.I. - it
not being convenient to meet at Westerly
this time.

By accounts recieved from South Kingstown,
Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings
of ministers and Elders the representatives
there in named to attend this meeting are
Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Henry Gidley,
Marion Goodwin and Elizabeth Foster. all of
whome are present except one. For whose
absence a reason was given.

The Queries have been read with
answers to the Third Query, also a
summary, from South Kingstown, Dartmouth
and Nantucket Preparative meetings of
ministers and Elders.

Summary Answer III. — The young people
~~recieve~~ of the meeting recieve our constant
and loving care. The beliefs and ways of
Worship of Friends are explained to them.
Instruction is given thru Bible Schools
and books about religious characters
also sharing the families religious
experiences.

The concern for the growth of Religious
life of the young people was deeply felt.

no further business appearing we conclude
purposing to meet in 7th. month at North Dartmouth
Mass.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

at Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. 7 mo. 16th. 1936

By accounts received from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings of ministers and elders the representatives there in named to attend this meeting are Jessie Carter, Elizabeth Gilley, Lucy Foster, Phebe Perry, and Elizabeth Foster, all of whome are present except one, who was detained on account of ill health.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk were appointed having expired the representatives are asked to bring forward names for those offices at our next meeting.

The Queries were read with answers to the IV th Query from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings of ministers and elders, also a summary which was not to discribe our present state.

The summary answers to the four Queries which have been considered during the past year are forwarded to the yearly meeting of ministers and Elders by Eunice S. Clark, Elizabeth Perry and Elizabeth Foster whom we appoint our representatives.

Summary answer IV.

In our small meetings the spiritual life depends upon every member of the group. We believe our members are conscious of this responsibility and are earnestly trying to make our meetings into vital religious experiences our young people show an earnest spirit and it is hoped those things which hinder the growth of spiritual life may diminish.

no further business we conclude purposing to meet at Dover, Mass. in Tenth Month.

Elizabeth Foster
clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held at Dover mass. 9th. mo. 17th. 1936.

There being but three members present, ne of whome was a representative no business was taken up. The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet in Westerly R.I. in First Month 1937.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meting of ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. 1 mo. 16 - 1937.

By accounts recieved from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings of ministers and Elders the representatives there in named to attend this meeting are Thomas P. Nichols all of Phebe Perry, Marion Goodwin and Anna Foster whome are present.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting in 9 mo. were all in attendance.

The committee to propose names for clerk and assistant clerk offer the names of Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk, with which the meeting unites.

The Queries were read with answers to the Second, given from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meeting of ministers and elders. Also a summary answer to the First and second queries.

Summary answer I. We believe that ministers realize their responsibility and earnestly endeavor to deepen the Spiritual life of their meetings.

Summary answer II. ministers and elders [illegible] follow in Christs step and [illegible] H[illegible]

There is a feeling of unity among our members and in our meetings.

There being no further business we conclude with a feeling of responsibility both for our selves and the meeting.

Purposing to meet in West Warwick R.I. in Fourth mo. next.

Elizabeth Foster clerk

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders held at West Warwick R.I. 4 mo. 17th. 1937.

By accounts received from South Kingston, Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meetings of ministers and Elders the representatives there in named to attend this meeting are Thomas Nichols, Phebe Perry, Elizabeth Gidley and Anna Foster. All of whome are present except one.

The queries were read with answers to the third query from the three Select monthly meetings also a summary answer to query three.

Summary Answer III. Loving and watchful care is given our young people, realizing that on the Spiritual welfare of our children depends the future of our Society.

no further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet in Seventh month at North Dartmouth, Mass.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

at Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. 7 month 17th. 1937.

By accounts recieved from South Kingstown, North Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings of ministers and elders the representatives there-in named to attend this meeting are Thomas Perry, Thomas P. nichols, Jessie J. Carter and Elizabeth Foster, all of whome are present but one.

The Queries were read with answers to the Fourth Query from the three Preparative monthly meetings, also a summary answer.

The summary answers to the Four Queries which have been considered during the past year we forward to the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders by Thomas Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Elizabeth Yidley and Elizabeth Foster whom we appoint our representatives.

Summary Answer IV.

We feel there is spiritual life in our meetings and encouragement is felt by a slight increase in membership and interest.

The advices have been read at this time. no further business we conclude and propose to meet at Dover, Mass. in Tenth Month

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Dover Mass. the 16th of 10 month 1937.

The accounts from the Select Preparative meetings State that the Representatives to this meeting are Phebe Ivy Elizabeth Gidley, and Elizabeth Foster, all of whome are present.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting were present except one.

The queries were read with answers from the three Preparative meetings, also a summary answer to Query One.

Summary answer I. ministers, we belive, do endeavor to wait for the Divine Spirit to direct them, realizing that only as they are faithful to this Spirit can God work thru them. We have a deep concern for the upbuilding of a live ministery and for the encouragement of a greater faithfulness on the part of all members. Two reports state that recorded ministers are seldom in attendance.

A communication was recieved from Dartmouth monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth Mass. the 26th. of 9 month 1937. Stating that they are satisfied that Anne G. Lowry has recieved a gift in the ministry. and desiring the judgement of this meeting.

After deliberation we fully unite in recognizing Anne G. Lowry as a minister, and desire to encourage her by our sympathy and support.

The clerk is directed to send the meeting a copy of this minute signed on our behalf. & Inform the Y. Meeting

No further business we conclude purposing to meet at Westerly R.I. in First month.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. First month 15th 1938.

By accounts from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings the Representatives there in named to attend this meeting are Marion Godwin Thomas P. Nichols, Eunice B. Nichols and Elizabeth Foster all of whom are present.

The queries were read with answers from the three Preparative meetings, also a summary answer to query ~~one~~ two.

Summary Answer Two.

We believe our ministers and Elders endeavor to live clean and blameless lives. They are in unity with one another and their meetings. We urge solemn consideration and mediation on the part of ministers and Elders since no prepared answer can relieve them of this responsibility

no further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet at West Warwick R.I. in Fourth month.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of ministers and Elders held at East Greenwich, by arraingment, the 16th. of Fourth month 1938

By accounts from South Kingstown, Dartmouth and Nantucket Preparative meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are Marion Goodwin, Harvey Perry Phebe Perry and Elizabeth Foster. All of whome are present except one.

The queries were read with answers from the three Preparative meetings also a summary answer to Query three.

Summary Answer III. Thought and care are taken for the Spiritual welfare of our young people. Only as our lives are centered in stillness and obedience and are renewed daily through a tide of inflowing love can youth feel that atmosphere of beauty which will invite them to share religious experiences.

No further business at this time we conclude to meet at North Dartmouth Mass, in Seventh month next.

Elizabeth Foster clerk

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. the 16th of Seventh Month 1938

By accounts from South Kingston, Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are Thomas Nichols, Harvey C. Perry, Henry J Gidley and Elizabeth Foster. All of whome are present.

The queries were read together with answers for the Fourth Query from the preparatives meetings also a summary answer to query four.

Answer Four. There is a concern for the deepning of the Spiritual life in our meetings. But this query can only be answered by heart searching on the part of Each individual member.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk were appointed having expired, Elizabeth Foster and Thomas Perry are reappointed for another year.

We appoint our friends Eunice B. Clark, Marion Goodwin, Phebe Perry and Elizabeth Foster as representatives to the Yearly meeting of ministers and Elders.

Information comes from Nantucket monthly meeting proposing the name of Jane M. Foster for the service of Elder. This meeting approves of the appointment and forwards the information to the yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders.

No further business bassiness we conclude purposing to meet at Dover Mass. in Tenth Month.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders held at Dover Mass., the 15th of Tenth month 1734.

By accounts from the [illegible] preparative meetings the representation to the [illegible] Nicholas, Hall [illegible], Mariah [illegible] all of whome are present except one.

The representation from the Yearly meeting were all in attendance.

The first query was read with answers from each of the preperative meetings also a summery answer.

Answer to Query one. We believe that ministers are prepared about the use of their gifts, that they ever earnestly to be guided by the spirit of God and to give messages which meet the needs of their hearers.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet at 11 A.M. instead of 10:00 at Westerly in first month

Elizabeth Slater Clerk.

Rhode Island and Southeastern Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 21st of First month 1939 at Cambridge Mass. by arrangement with Salem Qr. mtg.

The accounts from the Select Preparative meetings state the representatives to this meeting are Thomas F. Nichols, Elizabeth Perry, Anna Potter and Marion Goodwin. Two of whom are parents.

The Queries were read together with answers to the second query from the preparative meetings, also a summary answer to the second query.

South Kingstown Monthly meeting held First month, First, 1939 informs this meeting they are united in suggesting the names of Elizabeth M. Chace and Anna Eddy Foster to serve as Elders. This meeting fully unites with the appointment and the clerk is directed to inform South Kingstown monthly meeting of our approval. It informs this body that

No further business was presented to meet in Fourth month in Westerly R.I. if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answer to Second query.

Ministers and Elders seek to mind the Divine light shining in the soul, realizing that only in the purity of devotion to the Holy Spirit are they enabled to grow in faith and to practice, in their outer life, the Spirit of love which breaks down with a sense of their deep need it is their earnest prayer that they may be more and more united into a living fellowship centered in God and in

communion with His will. In these days
of great perplexity and when more than
the Spiritually discerning are calling.
Some are turning to the Society of Friends
ministers and Elders feel under a great
sense of humility and of weight that
they fail not to abide in Christ and
to testify to the light which transforms
and makes whole.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. on the 15th of Fourth month 1934.

The accounts from the Select Preparative meetings state the representatives to this meeting are Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Marion Goodwin and Elizabeth Foster. All of whome are present.

The queries were read to gether with answers to the third query also a summary answer.

It was suggested that the third query with answers be read in the Quarterly Meeting that it might share the concern for the growth of Spiritual life of our young people.

No other business we conclude in reporing to meet in North Dartmouth Mass. in seventh month.

Elizabeth Foster Clarke.

Summary answer to Third query.

The young people in our meeting are a vital concern to us. We realize that the problems confronting modern youth are deep and sometimes complex. We desire to be sensitive to Spiritual needs and wants; above all we pray that we may be awake to the spiritual strengths of our young people and that we may make God a living reality in our own lives and meetings so that the divine seed in them can find a medium for natural growth.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Easton with Mass. on the 15th of Seventh month 1939.

The accounts from the Select Preparative Meetings, state the representatives to this meeting are Jessie G. Carter, Elizabeth Foster, Anna Ethelyn Foster and Thomas Nichols. The queries were read with answers to the fourth query also a summary answer.

We appoint our friends Ethel Foster, Marion Gordon, and Elizabeth Foster as our representatives to the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders.

It being the usual time to appoint a clerk and assistant clerk the representatives are asked to offer names at our next meeting in 10th month.

No further business we conclude to meet in the 10th month. Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answer to Fourth Query.

An unqualified answer to this query in either the affirmative or the negative could be taken as an indication of over-confidence, on the part of the framers of the answer, in their powers of spiritual discernment. We believe that there are evidences in the meeting of spiritual yearning and striving and we are conscious of how far short we fall of the possibilities of infinite growth in the Spirit of Christ.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held by arrangement at the North Main Street - Friends meeting house, Providence Rhode Island on 12th month 21, 1939.

The accounts from the select Preparative meetings state the representatives to this meeting are, Samuel C. Webster, Phebe F. Perry, Marion Jenkins, and Anna Foster all of whom are present.

The queries were read with answers from the three preparative meetings for the first query, also a summary answer.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting of ministers and Elders were ale present.

The committee to propose names for clerk and assistant clerk offer the names of Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk with which the meeting unites.

The advices were read and a concern expressed that ministers and Elders endeavor to keep meetings for worship above the danger of argumentative discourse.

No further business at this time and we take leave to meet in first month if permitted. Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary Answer I.

We believe that ministers are conscious of the responsibility resting upon them and endeavor to wait for the message which can only be helpful if it comes from God.

We pray that each member of our group may take a more personal share of this responsibility and may contribute either through words or in silence to the spiritual power of our meetings.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Friends Meetinghouse in Cambridge Mass. First month 20th 1940 - Partly in joint Session with Salem Quarterly Meeting.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are, Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Marion Goodwin and Anna T. Foster Satisfactory reasons were given for the absence of two

The queries were read with answers from the three preparative meetings to the Second query, also a Summary answer.

a Suggestion was made of the need of changing the wording of the second query. Thos. Perry, Marion Goodwin and Elizabeth Foster are named as a Committee to consider it and report to a future meeting.

A feeling was expressed that the Select meeting might be strengthened by considering the Spiritual problems of each of the monthly meetings.

No further business we conclude to meet at the usual time in Fourth month if permitted. Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answer To. "We believe that ministers and elders feel concerned to follow the way of Christ but that they have not reached the goal which this query suggests is attainable. Ministers and elders do work in harmony with one another and with their meetings.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Lonsdale ... Seventh month 20th 1940.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Mary S. Cameron, Thomas P. Nichols, Henry J. Gidley and Anna Foster are present except one for whom a satisfactory reason was given.

The queries were read with answers to the third query from each of the preparative meetings, also a summary answer.

The subject of changing the wording in the second query is continued further, and any who have suggestions are encouraged to write them to the committee

A concern was expressed that the life-giving Spiritual growth must begin in the Monthly meetings to give strength sufficient to justify the holding of Quarterly and Yearly meetings. Each individual member is under call to share in this responsibility.

The further business was concluded to meet in Seventh month at North Dartmouth Mass. if permitted.

E. Foster, Clerk.

Summary Answer III.

The development of our young people is an abiding concern with us. We wish to encourage their gifts and help them to flourish in ways which come from close communion with God. Having this we believe that example is better than precept and that, by showing in our own lives the happiness which may result from religious experience, we can do most to increase the spiritual growth of others.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. West Warwick R.I. Seventh month 20th 1940.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Thomas Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Jessie G. Carter and Elizabeth Foster, all of whom are present.

The queries were read with answers to the fourth query from each of the preparative meetings, also a summary answer.

We reppoint our friends Marian Goodwin, Elizabeth Chace, Anna Lowry, Thomas Perry Thyra Jane Foster and Henry T. Fidley as representatives to the yearly meeting of ministers and Elders. By them we forward the summary answers to the queries.

It being the usual time to appoint a clerk and assistant clerk, Jessie Carter Elizabeth Perry and Anna Foster are asked to offer names at our next meeting.

No further business we conclude to meet in Tenth month if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster.

Summary Answer Four.

Because violence dominates in the world and there is great confusion and fear, we have been under deep concern and struggle in our endeavor to keep in the Light. We believe that our spiritual life has been quickened by our feeling for the sufferings of others and by the deepened sense of our own shortcomings yet we are sensible that our greatest need is to cast aside all anxiety, to rest

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to rest our spirits upon God's love which is the only armament powerful enough to conquer evil. We feel that the spiritual power of our meetings has been slower than it should be. We pray that we may reach that place where our faith shall be so serenely centered upon the eternal, we shall be able to live daily in the power of good will.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Dover Mass.
Tenth Month 19th, 1940.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Marion Goodwin, Thyra Jane Foster, Thomas Perry and Ethel Foster all of whome are present The representatives to the Select Yearly meeting were all present except two.

The meeting unites with the appointment of Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk for another year.

Letters were read from the Select Preparative meetings of South Kingstown, Dartmouth, and Nantucket giving their answers to the First Query.

The committee appointed at the Yearly Meeting of ministers and Elders to write suitable letters to the heads of families also one to younger members, expressing our concern for a deeper and more vigorous spiritual life which would bring strength to our meetings. The letter to the older members has been prepared, and read at this time which is satisfactory to the meeting. Further change and forwarding of the letter is left in charge of the committee.

The committee to change the wording of the second query is continued so as to give it further consideration. Henry Perrys name was added to the committee.

No further business we conclude to meet at Cambridge Mass. in first month if permitted

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary Answer I.

We believe that ministers and elders are fully conscious of the responsibility which rests upon them and that they listen for the divine Voice which alone can speak to the needs of all.

COPY of letter prepared by direction of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in the Ninth Month, 1940, and adopted at a Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Dover in the Tenth Month following.

MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS

of

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

Westerly, Rhode Island

Eleventh Month 14, 1940

Dear Friend,

We believe that at this time each member of our Yearly Meeting must be questioning what his Quakerism means to him and what he has to contribute to today's current of Quaker thought and action. We write this letter because we want thee to know the great need our meetings have of thy sincerest thinking and of thy interpretation of Quakerism for thy generation.

We older members feel that often we have wandered far from the singleness of aim shown by Jesus, and consequently the spirit of joy and confidence which was His, the full and abundant life He found, we have experienced too little. It seems to us that the great tragedy of this era is that in its passivity and weakness the Christian church has not given to men that knowledge of Christ's way which we believe could have brought light rather than the present darkness. Now that we can see how completely an industrialized world has missed the things of the spirit, how fear and rage and agony of soul are seizing upon nation after nation, we must ask ourselves - what part in all this have we taken or failed to take?

If we are to find any healing for the world, we must first find it for ourselves. That means that all of us together need to awake to the possibilities which are within us and within our neighbors and within all men. Above all, our meetings need the vitality of our young members. The early Quaker pioneers were mostly young men and women in the prime of their ardor and strength, who broke through the chain of their limitations and ventured undauntedly. We have to find our own faith as they did, we have to do our own thinking and apply it to our own age, we have to make our own adventure.

We write to thee because we believe that each one of us ardently desires a more active Christian life though

often we may not know for what we are reaching out. The question is, can we experiment and put our whole selves into the search until we find a new way? If we can once come to realize that Jesus always emphasized the <u>way</u> of life, the <u>process</u> of living, rather than any ends to be gained, then we can appreciate the importance of concentrating upon our spiritual aims, of becoming more and more sensitive to the guide within. If we believe the teaching of Jesus that the way may be found by everyone who seeks for it, no ground is left for passiveness. Such belief leads us toward renewed search, to that whole souled commitment which dares accept struggle, which rebounds after every failure.

The more vigorous spiritual life for which we long can no more exist without exercise than can the physical body. Thus we feel led to invite thee to examine thy own inner feelings, to consider whether they are given sufficient time to be active, and to ask thyself in what measure thee can use thy talent, thy vigor, the power of thy prayer in thy meeting. Our meetings for worship in which there is no priest and no authoritative leader, no recital of dogma or creed, depend upon the responsibility of each member for his careful spiritual preparation. They can then become times of rediscovery, times of gaining fresh power which will enable us to know and accept more and more willingly assignments to service. If we try to help each other to share in the riches of the spirit, we shall find in our group a freshly created life, warm, eager and loving, in such measure as we are true to the reign of God in our hearts.

In the love of Christ, we are thy friends.

New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

(Signed) Thomas Perry Clerk

(This letter is being sent by direction of the Select Meeting to each of the adult members of the Yearly Meeting.)

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Cambridge Mass. on First month 18th 1941.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Henry J. Gidley, Thomas Perry and Phebe F. Perry and Thyra Jane Foster. All are present but one.

The committee to change the wording of the second Query is continued.

The queries have been read with answers from South Kingstown, North Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meetings ~~also~~ for the second Query also a summary answer.

Further minutes of the meeting on the next page.

No other business appearing we conclude purposing to meet in Westerly R.I. in Fourth month if permitted

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary Answer II.

We believe that ministers and elders realize their responsibility and are careful of their conduct, and they have been granted ability to work in a good degree of unity with one another and their meetings.

Minutes of the First Part of the Quarterly
Meeting for Ministers and Elders held at
Cambridge Jan. 18, 1941

A proposed letter, prepared by the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, and intended for the age group from 12 to 20, was read and approved, subject to the suggestion that as sent the letter shall include a thought which appeared in the first draft but not in the draft submitted, viz. "The Meeting hopes that you may find the joy of doing something better this year than you did it last year".

A letter was read from Anne G. Lowry, expressing a concern that this Meeting send out letters at least annually to four different age groups, and that a letter to the age group 6 to 12 be prepared and submitted for approval of the next session of this Meeting (in Fourth Month). There was unity as to the matter of having the Committee prepare a letter for the age group 6 to 12. The question of whether letters should be sent annually to the four age groups, as suggested by Anne G. Lowry, was under consideration, but left open for further consideration at our next meeting.

Thomas Perry

Minutes of the First Part of the Quarterly

Meeting for Ministers and Elders held at

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MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS

of

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Westerly, Rhode Island

Second Month 1, 1941

Dear

Last autumn at the Yearly Meeting at Westerly some of us were talking about the large number of young people that belong to our group. A few of you who live near Westerly came to some of the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, but most of you who had just begun the fall term of school could not be there. However, we thought about you all and were glad there were so many, for those who are not yet twenty make up nearly one-fifth of the Yearly Meeting.

Even though you can't get to Yearly Meeting you can give great help to your local meetings. They need your alert and curious minds. With your clear sight and willingness to venture, you can do much to help your elders solve problems that come up in every Friends' Meeting. We may often have expressed our thoughts in language which did not have real meaning to you and we may have been slow to understand things you have tried to tell us. But we have much in common.

When you have doubts and questions, including some on our meetings for worship, which often do not reach the Quaker ideal of communion with God, you need not hesitate to discuss such doubts with older Friends in your meetings. You can be sure that whatever questions come to your minds, your elders have, at times, entertained similar ones. Sometimes the silence of a meeting seems all emptiness like the hollow in a pitcher, yet, if it were not for the hollow, the pitcher could not be filled. It is what, together, we put into the silence that makes our meetings empty or rich.

May all of us, old and young, know in this new year the gladness that comes when we have learned to do better than ever before some difficult and noble tasks.

With love, your friends,

New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

Thomas Perry Clerk

(This letter is being sent by direction of the Select Meeting to each of the members of the Meeting aged between 12 and 20.)

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly R. I. Fourth Month 19th. 1941.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Thyra Jane Foster, Henry T. Gidley, Thomas Nichols and Harvey Perry. All but one are present.

The Committee appointed to change the wording of the first half of the second query is not ready to make a report at this time.

Anne Lowry sends information to this meeting that there being so few members in the 6 to 12 age group that no letter has been prepared.
One ~~answer~~ reply was recieved from a high school pupil in Barnesville Boarding School (Ohio) in appreciation of the letter sent to members in the age group 12 to 20.

The queries have been read with answers from South Kingstown, North Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meetings for the Third ~~Second~~ query also a summary answer.

no further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet in Seventh month at North Dartmouth Mass.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answer to Query III.

There is a genuine concern for the spiritual growth of the young people of our meeting. During the past year a special effort has been made to make them more aware of the help they can be to the meeting and the meeting to them.

The importance of developing that awareness can hardly be exaggerated. We need to remember, however, that the spirit can be quickened but not forced, and that our lives will always speak louder than our words. If we, the older generation, live on a plane of sincere service and glad devotion to God and our fellow men, that will strengthen the younger generation as nothing else can. It requires no conscious effort on the part of youth to test the sincerity and usefulness of their elders by applying the question found in one of the old queries, "And are they, themselves, good examples therein?"

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 19th of Seventh month 1941. at North Dartmouth Mass.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Elizabeth Gidley, Elizabeth Foster, Mary S Dameral and Thomas P. Nichols. All of whome are present.

The meeting unites in appointing Elizabeth Foster as clerk and Thomas Perry as assistant clerk to serve another year.

The queries have been read with answers from South Kingstown, North Dartmouth and Nantucket preparative meetings also a summary answer to the second Query.

We forward the summary answers to the Yearly meeting by Thyra Jane Foster, Marion Goodwin and Thomas Nichols whome we appoint as our representatives.

no further business we conclude, purposing to meet at Dover Mass. in Tenth month if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

over.

Summary Answer to Query IV.

It is hard to determine the growth of the Holy Spirit in our meetings, since it is, after all, an individual concern. Each member of the meeting desires a better understanding of the Infinite, a closer fellowship with God, and that this is "Growth" in its highest sense.

When the meeting is so drawn as the "needle to the magnet" then can we hear the Spirit whisper to us in the words of the old prophet, "Unto them that fear my name, shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings."

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 18th of 1mth month 1941, at Friends meeting house Providence R.I.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Harvey C. Perry, Anna Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth Fidley, and Anna Foster, who are all present.

The representatives to the yearly meeting were all present at most of the sessions.

This meeting approves of the suggestion that the word "upright" be substituted in the second query for the word "blameless".

A message was read from South Kingstown monthly meeting held 12th of 10th month 1941 informing this meeting that Benjamin J. Roberts formerly a minister of Upper Evesham monthly meeting, Medford N. J. and now a member of South Kingstown meeting is recommended by the select meeting as a minister of South Kingstown monthly meeting. mo. This meeting unites with the appointment.

No further business we conclude purposing to meet in Cambridge Mass. in 7ist month.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

over.

Summary answer I.

We believe ministers are very conscious of the responsibility which rests upon them of expressing only those messages which come to them through communion with God. They realize that by Gods power alone can the spiritual life of the meeting be quickened.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of ministers and Elders held at Cambridge Mass on First month 17th 1942.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Harvey C Perry, Marion Goodwin and Anna Foster, who are present.

The queries were read with answers from the three preparative meetings also the summary answer from the second query.

Summary answer II. Ministers and Elders endeavor in their lives and conversation to be worthy of the position to which they have been appointed. Some of us however, feel we do come short of this mountain top living. Never the less, we are not unduly discouraged, for we remember only Jesus has been perfect, we are heartened by the knowledge that we do our labor in unity of spirit with one another and our meeting keeping our eyes upon the Master Physician who came not to judge but to save the world. May we, in our efforts to live clean and upright lives, never judge another harshly but rather, try to understand what is back of his action and then, do and say what we think Jesus might have done and said.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. on Fourth month 25th 1942.

The representatives named to attend this meeting, are Marion Goodwin, Thomas Perry, and Elizabeth Foster.

The queries were read with answers to the III query from the three preparative meetings.

Summary answer III.

The spiritual care of the young has long been a concern of this meeting since we realize that, on them, depends the growth of the meeting, if it grows at all. We try, by precept and example, to encourage them in spiritual things, pointing them to the joys that may be ours by keeping close to the Master's feet. We encourage as best we can, all those who have a leaning toward religious things and pray God that the Spirit of the Highest will make clear and illumine their pathway.

No further business we conclude purposing to meet at North Dartmouth Mass. in 1 month.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North-Dartmouth Mass. on Seventh month 18th, 1942.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Jessie G. Carter, Phebe F. Perry and Elizabeth Foster, who are all present.

The meeting unites in reappointing Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk, to serve another year.

We appoint Jessie G. Carter, Phebe F. Perry and Elizabeth Foster as our representatives to the Select yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, by them we forward the summary answers to the four queries.

The Queries were read with answers to the fourth from the preparative meetings also a summary answer.

No further business we conclude purposing to meet in Tenth Month next if permitted

Elizabeth Foster
clerk.

Summary answer IV. — We believe there are evidences of spiritual growth in individual members in our meetings, and the whole meeting profits thereby.

In these troublous times we need a greater awareness of and sensitiveness to the suffering and need around us, a greater willingness to be obedient to the light within, and a fuller sense of our own failure and weakness.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held on First month the 16th 1943, at Cambridge Mass, in joint session with Salem Quarterly meeting.

The representatives to this meeting are Thomas Perry, Anna Foster, and Henry Gidley, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Select Yearly meeting were all present.

The queries were read with answers to the first also a summary answer, from the preparative meetings.

no further business at this time we conclude with a feeling of thankfulness to have met with other dear friends and to share in their concerns. we propose to meet in Westerly in Fourth mo 4th if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster
clerk.

Summary answer I.

We believe ministers realize that, with out waiting quietly and humbly for the Spirit of Christ to enter into their hearts and minds, no deep impression can be made upon their fellow worshippers but that, with God speaking through them, all things are possible.

Two meetings report they seldom have ministers present.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held at Providence R.I. by invitation from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Fifth Month, First, 1943.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Phebe F. Perry, Henry T. Gidley and Thyra Jane Foster, all of whome are present.

The Queries were read, to gether with answers to the Second query from the three preparative meetings. It was recomended that answers be prepared for query three and four at our next meeting.

It being the usual time to appoint a clerk and assistant clerk, we appoint Marion Goodwin and Phebe Perry a committee to offer names at our next meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, to purposing to meet at Dartmouth in the Seventh month.

Elizabeth Foster
clerk.

Summary Answer II. There is a responsibility resting upon ministers and Elders which we, perhaps, do not appreciate sufficiently. Do we realize the impression which can be made upon young people by their elders meeting the little trials and discouragements of life in a large way? Do we realize that, according to the sincereity of our Christian faith, our children may be influenced for or against religion? Do we show that joy in God's handiwork and that love for our fellow men which can make our lives a light in darkness?

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. on Seventh month 17th 1943.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are Jessie Gidley Carter, Ethel Foster and Elizabeth Foster. all of whome are present.

The queries were read with answers to the Third and Fourth query also summary answers.

We appoint our Friends Anna Foster, Ethel Foster, Anne G. Lowry and Jessie G. Carter as our representatives to the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders.

This meeting unites in reappointing Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk.

We forward the summary answers to the four queries to the Yearly meeting.

No further business we conclude purposing to meet at Cambridge Mass in first month if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

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Summary answer III.

We realize that a deep religious sense - with an awareness of God's presence, is the greatest gift which a human being can possess. We also know that this possession can be earned only by the struggle of each individual to come closer to the Infinite. We aim to give such an atmosphere to our meetings and to our homes that the delicate perceptions of young people may find there a breeding place for Christian thought and action, through which their moral natures can grow in wisdom and stature.

Summary answer IV.

This query can be answered only by each person looking within and evaluating the growth of spiritual power there, since the life of any meeting is just as strong as the life of its individual members. In so doing we must realize that without growth, we cannot live and that the meeting whose membership does not feel a quickening of spiritual life is a meeting which cannot endure.

Of Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held First month 15th 1944 at Providence R.I.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are, Phebe Perry, Marion Goodwin and Anna Foster all of whome are present.
All the representatives to the Yearly Meeting of ministers and Elders were present.
The Queries have been read with answers to the first query also summary answers:
no further business at this time we conclude with a sincere desire to deepen our growth in spiritual life. Purposing to meet in Fourth month at Westerly if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary Answer I.
We believe that ministers do not speak in our meetings unless they are concerned that they have a message which will speak to the spiritual needs of those who are present.

Ut Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders held at Westerly R.I. on Fourth month 15, 1944.

Because of the postponement of the meeting several of the members and two of the representatives were unable to remain untill the meeting met in adjourned session.

There for no business was taken up.

Adjourned to meet in Seventh month if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster
clerk.

Henry T. Gidley, an Elder of North-Dartmouth Monthly meeting, died on Third month 3, 1944.

At Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. on Seventh Month 15th, 1944.

By accounts received from the three preparative meetings the following named Friends are the representatives to this meeting: Elizabeth J. Lane, Mary H. Damerel and Anna Foster. Anna Foster was absent on account of illness.

Information from North Dartmouth monthly meeting, held Seventh month 2, 1944, states that John G. Wilbur is appointed an Elder in that meeting.

The queries were read with answers to the second, third and fourth, also summary answers; which we forward to the Yearly meeting in Tenth Month, by Marian B. Goodwin Ethel Foster and Philip Gifford whom we appoint as our representatives

Hereafter, the name of this meeting will be Narragansett Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders, in order to conform to the change in name of the Quarterly meeting.

No further business at this time we conclude, purposing to meet next at the call of the clerk.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answers.

1.) We believe that ministers do not speak in our meetings unless they are concerned that they have a message which will speak to the Spiritual needs of those who are present.

2.) ministers and Elders try to live in accordance with Christs teaching which is the only compass whereby we may safely set our course. We pray that His Spirit may be with us in our meetings and in our dealings with Each other.

3.) One account states that the elders and overseers worked together in unity with other Friends in Providence in forming the new monthly meeting.

Our young people in this time of strain are of great concern to us. We believe that only a firm and abiding faith in God can give them the foundation they must have if they are to live courageous lives. Friends encourage their young people to attend meetings for worship.

4.) All our meetings are conscious of the loss of devoted members.
One meeting is feeling deeply the loss of a devoted minister. We need more than ever the consecrated devotion of all our members so that Each may feel his responsibility for the inspired word or the living silence.

At Narragansette Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 20th of First Month 1945. at Friends Meeting house, Providence R.I.

By accounts received, the following friends were named as representatives to this meeting, Phebe F. Perry Elizabeth Foster, Harold Myers and Willis H. White. Two of whome are present.

The queries were read with the answer to Query one from South Kingstown Preparative meeting. There were no answers from North Dartmouth and Providence preparative meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting were all present part of the time.

South Kingstown select preparative meeting wishes to change its name to Westerly Select preparative meeting. This meeting unites with the change.

No further business we conclude to meet at the usual time in Fourth Month at Westerly R.I.

Elizabeth Foster. clerk

Answer to Query one -

In a very small meeting such as ours each one of us must feel that the responsibility for the spiritual life of the meeting rests directly upon ourselves.
While "we must be careful to wait for Devine ability" we must also realize that, unless we are faithful in spreading whatever message may come to us, we cannot help each other to receive that strength and solace which should be obtainable in our meetings.

Ethel Foster, an Elder of Westerly Monthly Meeting died on 12th month 6th 1944.

At Narragansett Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held the 22nd of Fourth month 1945 at Westerly R.I.

By accounts received the following Friends were appointed as representatives Elizabeth G. Lane, Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth Chace, Willis White and Louisa White. All are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The queries were read with summary answer to the second query. There were no answers from Providence and North Dartmouth.

The meeting directs the clerk to inform the Preparative meetings which queries are to be answered. It was thought to be helpful to the spiritual life for each meeting to continue to answer the queries until otherwise directed.

No further business we conclude purposing to meet in seventh month at North Dartmouth Mass.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answer II.

We believe that the older members of the meeting while recognizing the importance of integrity, realize that the spirit in which they work with and for their fellow men is even more vital. We pray that Christ's way of life may so influence ours that we may become living expressions of His love.

At Narragansett Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held the 21st. of Seventh Month 1945- at North Dartmouth Mass.

By accounts received the following were appointed as representatives, Marian Goodwin, Mary H. Dannerd, Elizabeth Foster, Louisa White, Willis H. White and Sarah Gallagher. Three of whome were prevented from attending on account of illness.

The Queries were read with summary answer to the third query.

No representatives were appointed to attend the newly organized Yearly Meeting (at Andover Mass 6-22-1945) and no report was sent. However six of our members attended.

It is recomended that the Queries be answered as usual and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Elizabeth G. Lane, and Phebe Perry are appointed to bring forward names for Clerk and assistant clerk and present them at our next meeting.

No further business we conclude to meet at the usual time in Tenth Month at Westerly R.I. if permitted. Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary Answer to Query III.

Friends have a watchful care over the young people of the meetings and encourage them to be faithful to the Divine leading for what ever work may be needed for our society.

Many of the younger generation are scattered over distant parts of this country and the world, coming back only infrequently. It is all the more important when they do attend that they find our meetings a living religious force which will be a constructive influence in their lives.

At Narragansett Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. on Tenth Month 20th 1945

By accounts recieved from the Preparative meetings the representatives to this meeting are Marian Goodwin, Thomas Perry, Harold Meyers Elizabeth Chace and Elizabeth Foster. All of whome are present except one.

The queries were read with also a summary answer to the Fourth query.

The meeting is united in reappointing Elizabeth Foster for clerk and Thomas Perry for assistant clerk for the ensuing year.

No further business at this time we conclude to meet in First Month 1946 at Providence R.I. if Permitted. Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary answer IV.

There is little change in the Spiritual growth of our meetings since our last report. The report from Westerly states the Spiritual life of the meeting has been weakened by the resignation of a recorded minister. We are all conscious that we must strive to deepen our own lives and by so doing to strengthen the life of the meeting.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Providence R I. on First Month 5th. 1946.

By accounts recieved from the preparative meetings the representatives are Jessie G. Carter Elizabeth Chace, Willis White, Sara Gallager and Phebe Perry, all of whome are present.

The Queries were read with answers to Query I. also a Summary answer.

Answer to Query I.

We believe that ministers and Elders relize their responsibility and endeavor to deepen the Spiritual life of the meeting.

It is that important that the Elders Especialy Should consider them selves as chanels thru which Christs' message can flow, to inspire and vitalize our meetings for worship.

With out this feeling of individual responsibility the reason for our coming to gether as a religeous group may well be completely lost.

There being no other business at this time we conclude to meet in 4 mo. next in Westerly if Permitted.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Summary account of the Spiritual condition of our meetings

The Spiritual condition of Providence monthly meeting seems to be generaly a healthy one, but little cooperation is given by Sayleswille particular meeting

The meetings for worship are a source of spiritual nourishment to those who attend, and they are well attended

The quality of vocal ministry varies, but the silence is always high.

We believe that ministers and Elders realize their responsibility and endeavor to deepen the spiritual life of the meeting.

There has been spiritual growth in individual members, and the whole meeting profits from the growth of a single individual.

Several of our (members) young people who are away have expressed a feeling of spiritual strength received in our meetings. It is important that when ever they do attend they find our meetings a living religious force which will be a constructive (force) influence in their lives.

Two meetings report that owing to the small number of resident-members Each one feels a concern for the well-fare of the meeting all reports state that the members work together in love and pleasant fellowship.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of ministers and Elders held at Westerly R.I. on Fourth mo. 20, 1946.

By accounts received the following are representatives Elizabeth Chace, Henry C. Foster Anna Foster, Thomas Perry, Elizabeth G. Lane. All were present but one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read also answers from the three preparative meetings which nearly represent the Spiritual state of the meetings at this time. A summary answer will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting at Andover Mass. by Jessie G. Carter, Henry C. Foster, Thomas Perry and Henry B. Perry whom we appoint as representatives.

No further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet at Dartmouth Mass. in Seventh month if permitted

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at North Dartmouth Mass. on Seventh Month 20th, 1946.

By accounts recieved, the following are named as representatives,

Elizabeth G. Lane, Henry C. Foster, Elizabeth Chace, Elizabeth Foster and Thomas Perry. All are present but one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

One of the representatives to the yearly meeting reports they all attended but one.

The sudden and tragic death of our dear friend Jessie G. Carter, after her appointment, prevented her from attending.

The question of each preparative meeting sending written answers for the four queries to the Quarterly meeting was brought before the meeting.

The meeting was united that here after we would discontinue making formal answers to the queries unless some one had a concern to do so.

It being the usual time to appoint a clerk to serve for the comming year Elizabeth G. Lane, and Phebe Perry are named as a committee to propose the name of a person, and report to our next meeting.

no further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet in Tenth month if permited. (at Westerly)

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Jessie G. Carter an Elder of North Dartmouth meeting died in Washington D.C. on Fifth month, 1946 ?

Summary Answer to Query III.

" Friends have a true concern that the young people of the meeting be encouraged to obey the call to religious service. And for them to regularly attend meetings for worship and endeavor to come to a vital religious experience.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westerly R. I. on Tenth month 19th 1946.

By accounts received the following are named as representatives, Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Foster, Harold Meyers and Marion Good wife. all of whome are present.

The queries were read with a suitable pause following each one. As previously advised by the meeting no formal answers were prepared for the queries.

The letters from the monthly meetings were read.

North Dartmouth monthly meeting held, 10, 6, 1946 informs this meeting of the appointment of Alice W. Gidley to the position of Elder. The meeting unites with this appointment.

The meeting unites in reappointing Elizabeth Foster as clerk for the following year.

no further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet in First Month at Providence, if permited.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

Eunice B. Clarke a belived elder of Westerly monthly meeting for many years died Eigeth Month, ? 1946.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

ARTHUR JONES, PRESIDING CLERK
WINTHROP, MAINE

MILLICENT S. FOSTER, RECORDING CLERK
EAST GREENWICH, R. I.

The Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Providence, R.I. on First Month 18, 1947.

The reports from the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel of the Monthly Meetings show the following have been appointed representatives : Marian B.Goodwin; Harvey C.Perry; Millicent S.Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Harold Meyers and Elizabeth Munroe. All but two are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The Queries for Meetings of Ministry and Counsel in the new discipline were read.

No further business appearing this meeting concludes purposing to meet in Fourth Month next, if so permitted.

Millicent S. Foster

Millicent S.Foster,
Clerk for the Day.

At the Narragansett Quarterly meeting of ministery and Counsel held at Westerly R.I. on Fourth month 19, 1947.

The reports from the meetings of Ministery and Counsel of the Monthly meetings show that the following have been appointed representatives: Anna Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, J. Jane Foster, Sarah N. Gallagher, Marion B. Gowin, Mary H. Damerel and Thomas Perry. Their names being read all are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The following were appointed as representatives to the Yearly Meeting of ministery and Counsel: Henry Perry, Mary H. Damerel, Ann Gidley Lowry and Elizabeth Foster.

The queries for meetings of ministery and Counsel were read.

A message urging the importance of our carrying to a larger public the Gospel of Salvation as it was carried by the Apostles was reenforced by another which dwelt on the fact that the Gospel can be contagiously spread only by those who are joyously aware of having Christ as their daily guest and guide.

No further business appearing this meeting Concludes, purposing to meet in Seventh Month next if so permitted.

Thomas Perry
assistant Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at North Dartmouth Mass. on Seventh month 19, 1947.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are, Louisa White and Millicent Foster from Providence meeting.
Thomas Perry from Westerly monthly meeting.
and Marian Goodwin represented North Dartmouth monthly meeting.
The representatives to Yearly meeting of Ministr, and Counsel report all but one were present.
Louisa White and Phebe Perry were appointed a committee to bring forward names to serve as clerk and assistant clerk and report at our next meeting.
The four Queries from "Faith and Practice were read at this time.
We are glad to welcome two members from Sandwich Quarterly meeting
No further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet at Westerly R.I. in Tenth month, if permitted.

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Westerly R.I. on Tenth month 18, 1947.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Harvey Perry from Westerly monthly meeting, Henry C. Foster and Sarah N. Gallagher from Providence monthly meeting and Marian Goodwin from New Dartmouth monthly meeting.

The committee appointed to propose names to serve as clerk and assistant clerk offer the following- Marian Goodwin for clerk and Elizabeth Foster for assistant clerk.

The meeting unites and they are appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries were read also the Advises

No further business at this time we conclude to meet in Providence R.I. in First month, if so permitted

Elizabeth Foster clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Providence, R.I. First Month 17, 1947.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Elizabeth Monroe and Ruth White from Providence Monthly Meeting, Marian Goodwin from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Harvey C. Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting. The names being called all are present but one for whose absence a suitable excuse was given.

The Queries were read.

We are reminded of the responsibility of our members to guide the spiritual life of our meetings for worship which are the most important part of our meeting life. We should attend meetings regularly and be prepared to give as well as receive. We need education in these ways, that our spiritual level may be raised.

James Carey reported that Conferences for Ministers and Elders had been held in three Quarterly meetings and offered the suggestion that we might like to hold one.

No further business at this time. We conclude to meet in Westerly in Fourth Month, if so permitted.

Marian B Goodwin.

At Pawtuxet Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held in Providence R.I. the 21st of First Month 1903.

Representatives appointed to this meeting are Thomas Terry from Westerly Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth Chase and Anna Tobitt from Providence Monthly Meeting and Marian B Goodwin from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Whose names being called, all are present.

The queries for ministers and Elders were read.

No further business appearing we concluded adjourning to meet in Westerly in Fourth month if so permitted

Marian B Goodwin, clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Westerly, R. I. Fourth Month 17, 1948.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Emma McLellan, and Sarah Gallagher from Providence Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth Lane from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and Thomas Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting. The names being called all are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory excuse was given.

The following were named as Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel:
Phebe F. Perry, Ann G. Lowry, Sarah Gallagher

The queries were read in this Meeting.

A concern was expressed, and spoken to, that we should somehow bring about a more general reading and study of the Scriptures by the members of our several meetings.

No further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meeting at North Dartmouth in the Seventh Month, if so permitted.

Thomas Perry
Clerk for the Day

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at North Dartmouth Seventh Month 17, 1948.

We are informed that the representatives to this meeting are Harvey C. Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting, and Elizabeth Lane from North Dartmouth who are both present. No repot was received from Providence, but it was stated orally that Philip Gifford was one of those appointed. He too is present.

It was reported that all the representatives attended Yearly Meeting.

The Queries were read.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet in Westerly in the Tenth Month, if so permitted.

Marian B Goodwin, clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on
Ministry and Counsel held by request of
Westerly Friends at Providence, R. I. Tenth
Month 16, 1948

We are informed that the representatives
from Providence are Elizabeth M. Chace, and
Harold Myers; from Westerly Thomas
Perry and from North Dartmouth, Marian
Bloodgood. All are present.

The Queries and advices were read.

No further business appearing we
conclude purposing to meet in Providence
in the
First month if so permitted.

Marian B. Goodwin, Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Providence, R.I. First month 15, 1949.

We are informed that the representatives are Mary H. Dameral from Westerly, Anna Foster, Ruth White and Elizabeth M. Chace from Providence. There is no report from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, but Alice W. Gidley and Marian B. Gordon are present from that meeting.

The queries from the new edition of the Discipline were read.

James Coney told us of a supplement of the report of the Committee to study the new discipline. He had copies with him.

Errol T. Elliott, secretary of the Five Years Meeting and Editor of the American Friend will be visiting in New England February 20 - 27. He will attend the Woonsocket Monthly meeting on Friday of that week. Ruth White and Thyra Jane Foster are appointed as a committee to decide whether efforts be made to have him come to Providence. This committee is to report

back to James Corey as soon as possible
No further business appearing
we conclude purposing to meet in
Westerly in Fourth Month if so
permitted

Marian B. Goodwin
Clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, held at Westerly, R.I. Fourth Month 16, 1949.

Representatives appointed to this meeting are Thomas Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting and Marian Goodwin from South Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Rudolph Kenyon and Anna Folk from Providence. All are present.

Reports on the spiritual condition of each monthly meeting were read, with some additions from members.

A minute that Errol T. Elliott did visit Providence and held a meeting for worship preceding a supper. This was followed by an address on the work of the Five Years Meeting. Both the meeting for worship and the supper were well attended, but other concerns diminished the attendance somewhat in the evening.

The queries were read.

Elizabeth Folk, Marian Goodwin and Thomas Perry are appointed representatives to Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet in North Dartmouth in seventh month if so permitted.

Marian B Goodwin, clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at North Dartmouth, Mass, Seventh Month 16, 1949.

The representatives appointed to this meeting are Phebe F. Perry from Westerly, Elizabeth G. Lane from North Dartmouth, Louisa White, Elizabeth Monroe and J. Rudolf Metz from Providence, these names being called, all are present.

The Queries were read.

It was reported that all three representatives attended Yearly Meeting.

Charles Messer of New Bedford and Robert Leach, a summer visitor at Edgartown, spoke acceptably.

Louisa White presented a concern about keeping in contact with other members of the Society, both by visiting other meetings and by encouraging others to visit us. She suggested sending friendly greetings and invitations to other Quarterly Meetings. It seems as if we should be more active.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet in Providence in Tenth Month if so permitted

Marian B. Goodwin, Clerk

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Providence, R. I. the 15th of Tenth Mo. 1949.

The representatives appointed to this meeting are Thomas Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting, Henry Folse and Elizabeth Monroe from Providence, Elizabeth Lane from North Dartmouth, whose names being called are all present but two for whom excuses were given.

The meeting approved asking the present clerks to continue in their service.

The queries were read. To them Millicent Folse spoke most helpfully.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet in Providence in First Month if so permitted

Marian B Goodwin, clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Westerly, R.I. the 15th of Fourth Month 1950.

Representatives appointed to this meeting are Alice W. Gidley from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, and Harvey Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting. There is no report from Providence Monthly meeting but several members are in attendance.

The reports on the spiritual condition of each Monthly Meeting ~~was~~ were read and approved.

Thomas Perry, Louisa White and Ann Lowry are appointed our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Louisa White brought the concern of the Committee on Arrangements for Yearly Meeting that more attend the first meeting ~~for~~ on Ministry and Counsel coming on Tuesday afternoon preceding the opening of the general sessions of Yearly Meeting on Wednesday. It is hoped that all will attend. Representatives should feel responsibility in the discussion of problems presented to the meeting. Also members of the Monthly Meeting should instruct the nominating committee and make recommendations to assist them to select the best members for the various Committees.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet in North Dartmouth in Seventh Month if so permitted.

Marian B Goodwin - clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held Seventh Month 15th, 1950.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Anna Foster and Philip Gifford from Providence, Thomas Perry from Westerly and Alice W. Gidley from North Dartmouth, whose names being called all are present but one for whom an excuse was presented.

It is reported that the three representatives attended Yearly meeting.

Elizabeth Foster and Alice Gidley are appointed a committee to bring in names for Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the following year.

The Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel were read, and were spoken to by Ruth White, Charles Messner and others, particularly in regard to the first one concerning membership.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet in Providence in Tenth Month,

Marian B. Goodwin, Clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Monday and Council held Tenth Month 21st, 1930 at Providence, R. I.

We are informed that the representatives are Elizabeth Lane from South Dartmouth, Anna Foster and Robert S. Burgess from Providence and Thomas Perry from Westerly. All are present.

A written report of the committee appointed to name a clerk and assistant clerk for the coming year was sent in by Alice W. Gidley. It presented the names of Marian B. Goodwin as clerk and Elizabeth Foster as assistant clerk. General approval was expressed and they are appointed for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The minutes were read

No further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meet in First Month in Providence, R. I.

Marian B. Goodwin, clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting on Monthly and ~~Select~~ Council held First Month 28, 1957 at Providence, R.I.

We are informed that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Thomas Leeming from Westerly Monthly Meeting, Alice W. Hedley from North Dartmouth, Elizabeth Chase and Anna Fish from Providence. All are present.

Helen Hiller expressed a concern that this meeting, entrusted as it is with nurturing the spiritual life of the meeting, should take a more active part.

Elizabeth Chase added that although silence was deep and helpful, she felt that some who have a really wonderful sense of spiritual life should take part vocally. It would surely be helpful to all particularly the younger members should be encouraged to speak.

Russell Brooks, whom we were pleased to welcome to the meeting spoke to the concern. Two benefits, at least, may be derived. In the first place, ~~the~~ others are

specifically instructed by the discipline to have the responsibility of encouraging vocal ministry. Secondly, ~~the~~ individuals when encouraged to take part, find that as speakers they themselves grow in spiritual life.

The queries were read with pauses for meditation.

No further business appearing was Concluded, proposing to meet in Fourth Month in Westerly.

Marian B Goodwin.

After lunch Wendell Hanson spoke on some Quaker problems.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel held at Westerly, R.I. Fourth Month 21, 1957

Representatives to this meeting are Harvey Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth Chace and John Alfred from Providence, and Wendell Hewes from South Dartmouth all are present.

We appoint Henry Foster, Phebe Perry and Anna Lawton our representatives to the New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The queries were read.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet on 7th mo 21st in South Dartmouth.

Marian B. Goodwin, clerk.

At Narragansett Quarterly Meeting ~~for~~ on Ministry and Counsel held at North Dartmouth., Mass. Seventh month 21, 1951.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Thomas Perry from Westerly Monthly Meeting, Sarah Gallagher, Millicent Foster and Rudolph Metz from Providence Monthly Meeting and Alice N. Gidley from North Dartmouth. All are present.

It was reported that all but one of the representatives appointed, attended Yearly Meeting.

At this time - with the consent of all and the approval of the New England Yearly Meeting we purpose to unite with Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to form a joint meeting. Therefore, we make this our closing minute, planning to meet again later in the day as a joint meeting to be called the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Marian B. Goodwin, clerk

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